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## Northfield junior class to hold Nelson's Port-A-Pit Chicken fundraiser

The junior class at Northfield High School will be holding a Nelson's Port-A-Pit Chicken fundraiser from 3:45 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 154 W. 200 North. The event will be carryout only. The cost will be \$8 for half a chicken only and \$4 for pit potatoes.

## WHS plans homecoming parade

The annual Wabash High School (WHS) homecoming parade would begin at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17. The

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## 'A somber experience'



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Chris Massey

Military personnel line the road and render a salute as the procession transporting the remains of U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Humberto A. Sanchez of Logansport passes by on Sept. 12 at Grissom Air Reserve Base. Sanchez was one of 13 U.S. service members killed Aug. 26 as the result of an enemy attack while supporting evacuation efforts for Operation Freedom's Sentinel in Kabul, Afghanistan.

## Thousands turn out to pay respects as fallen Marine is returned home to Logansport

By **JARED KEEVER**

Peru Tribune Editor

Thousands of Hoosiers turned out Sunday to pay their respects as a procession carried the body of a U.S. Marine, killed in Afghanistan, through Miami County and back to his hometown of Logansport.

Onlookers lined both sides of State Road 218 from Grissom Air Reserve Base to the Cass County line and beyond as the hearse carrying Marine Cpl. Humberto Sanchez made its way to a funeral home in preparation for the Tuesday funeral.

"This reminds me of the sacrifice any of us could be called upon to make," Senior Master Sgt. Zach Chapin, 434th Air Refueling Wing superintendent of inspections at Grissom, said in a Sunday news release from the base.

That morning the base had entered quiet hours as the body of the Marine was flown on to the base for what the military calls



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Benjamin Mota

Marines from Detachment 1, Communications Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 45, 4th Marine Logistics Group, transfer the remains of U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Humberto A. Sanchez of Logansport on Sept. 12 at Grissom Air Reserve Base.

a "dignified transfer" of Sanchez's casket from the plane to the waiting hearse. A procession led by Indiana State Police then made its way from the base to Logansport.

"It's a somber experience," Tech. Sgt. Josh Weaver, of Grissom public affairs said in the release. "We wanted to put the family first, and pay our respects to the sacrifice that

Corporal Sanchez made." Onlookers remained quiet, many of them holding American flags, along the highway as the hearse

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## DAR to celebrate Constitution Week

Annual remembrance runs from Friday, Sept. 17 to Thursday, Sept. 23

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will once again be celebrating Constitution Week.

Regent Barbara Amiss said this year's remembrance runs from Friday, Sept. 17 to Thursday, Sept. 23.

"There are two documents of paramount importance to American

history: the Declaration of Independence, which forged our national identity, and the United States Constitution, which set forth the framework for the federal government that is still in use today," said Amiss. "While Independence Day is a well-recognized and beloved national holiday, fewer people know about Constitution Week, an annual commemoration of the living document that upholds and protects the freedoms central to our American way of life."

Amiss said the DAR initiated the observance in

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## Local farms featured in Manchester exhibit, presentation

Free event set for 11 a.m. Sept. 20 in Cordier Auditorium

By **ANNE GREGORY**

Northeast Indiana farms are the focus of an exhibit of oil paintings by Jeff Diesburg, associate professor of art at Manchester University.

He will speak about his art, farming for food, and the sabbatical that led to the creation of "Between Rows and Horizons" during a presentation at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 20 in Cordier Auditori-

um at the North Manchester campus of Manchester University.

It is free and open to the public.

His presentation is part of the Values, Ideas and the Arts series, which offers academic enrichment for Manchester students.

The exhibit of "Between Rows and Horizons" is open for viewing during business hours in Gallery G on the second floor of the Jo Young Switzer Center.

Masks are required in all MU buildings.

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## ISDH reports four new local COVID-19 deaths in past week

State looks to increase free testing options, which had previously been limited

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Over the past few days, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) has reported four new local COVID-19 deaths, making this the deadliest week for the disease in Wabash County in months.

On Wednesday, the ISDH reported the 88th local COVID-19 death. On Friday, the ISDH reported the 89th local COVID-19 death. The ISDH dashboard does not update over the weekend any longer. However, when it was updated again Monday, it showed that the 90th and 91st local deaths had been reported over the weekend.

The recent increase in cases, hospitalizations and deaths statewide has caused the state to increase the availability of free COVID-19 testing, which had been previously been ratcheted down due to comparatively lower amounts of community spread.

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## DNR lifts birdfeeder, birdbath moratorium statewide

The cause of mysterious illness continues to confound experts

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Avian enthusiasts may resume using bird feeders and birdbaths statewide after the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) completely lifted their moratorium Friday.

DNR had recommended a statewide moratorium on bird feeding earlier this summer to slow the spread of a still-undetermined illness that is killing birds across the state. Biologists identified more than 750 possible cases in 76 counties that involved a specific set of clinical signs, including crusty eyes, eye discharge and neurological issues, said DNR director of communications James Brindle.

In August, the DNR cautioned residents of Allen,

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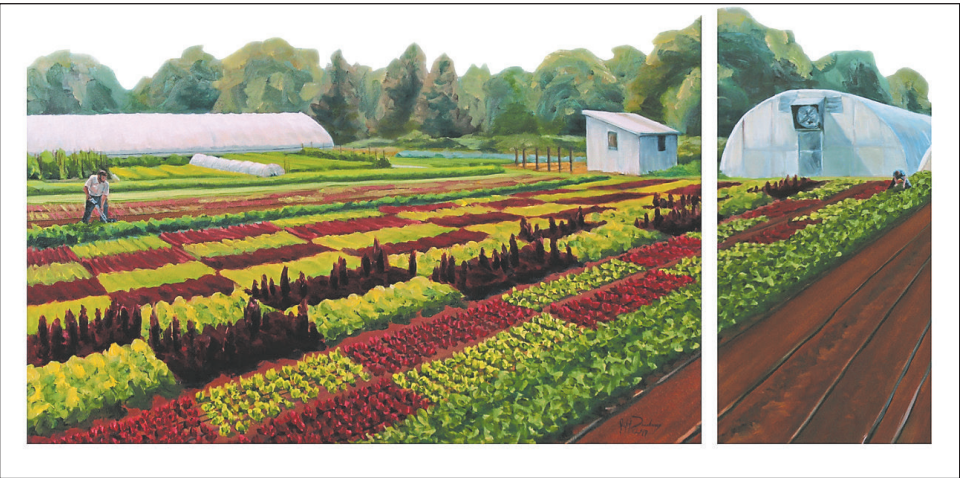
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The scenes come from three farms within a 10-mile radius of each other: Hawkins Farm near North Manchester, the Kindy family at Joyfield Farm east of Liberty Mills and the Fingerles at RiverRidge Farm in Laketon. These farms grow an array of food crops used primarily human labor and practice organic methods that build soil quality.



2006. From 2007-09 Jeff and his wife served as Peace Corps volunteers in the rainforests of Panama. He began at Manchester in 2011.

At MU, he teaches a wide range of studio courses including oil painting, figure drawing, graphic design, torchworking and photogra-

phy. He has had several solo shows, and his paintings have won awards at regional juried exhibitions. Throughout the summer of 2020, an exhibition of his work was displayed in conjunction with a Smithsonian-curated exhibit at the North Manchester Center for History.

*Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.*

Provided photos



Photo contributed

Onlookers hold flags and watch as a procession carrying the body of U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Humberto A. Sanchez approaches the Cass County line on Sept. 12 on its way to Sanchez's hometown of Logansport.

MARINE

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passed into Cass County just after 11 a.m.

Jets flew overhead as the procession approached downtown Logansport where the hearse carrying Sanchez's body stopped briefly under a garrison flag.

The procession included vehicles carrying Sanchez's family, followed by thousands of motorcycles.

Sanchez, 22, was among 13 U.S. military members killed in the suicide bombing at Afghanistan's Kabul airport in late August.

Eleven Marines, one Navy sailor and one Army soldier were among the dead, while 18 other U.S. service members were wounded in the bombing, which also claimed the lives of more than 160 Afghans. Officials have blamed the bombing



Photo via Indiana State Police

Onlookers line the street in downtown Logansport on Sunday awaiting the procession for U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Humberto A. Sanchez who was killed in Afghanistan in August.

on Afghanistan's offshoot of the Islamic State group.

The U.S. military said it was the most lethal day for American forces in Afghanistan since 2011.

Sanchez's funeral was planned for Tuesday at Life-

Gate Church in Logansport with the burial to follow at Mount Hope Cemetery.

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### 5-Day Weather Summary

 <b>Wednesday</b> Scattered T-storms 78 / 59	 <b>Thursday</b> Partly Cloudy 81 / 64	 <b>Friday</b> Partly Cloudy 83 / 65	 <b>Saturday</b> Partly Cloudy 84 / 64	 <b>Sunday</b> Mostly Sunny 85 / 65
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#### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 7:51 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 7:25 a.m.

 Full 9/20	 Last 9/28	 New 10/6	 First 10/12
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#### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 65% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 78°, humidity of 69%. East northeast wind 3 to 6 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a 50% chance of showers, overnight low of 59°. Northeast wind 2 to 5 mph.

DEATHS

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On Friday, Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) deputy chief of staff and Office of Public Affairs director Jennifer O'Malley said they would continue to “deploy mobile clinics across the state to help increase access to testing.”

“We have created an on-line portal through which local communities can request a mobile clinic,” said O'Malley. “These locations vary by week.”

On Tuesday, the ISDH announced they would be deploying mobile clinics to the following counties this week to provide testing and vaccinations: Boone, Carroll, Clark, Elkhart, Franklin, Hancock, Howard, LaPorte, Madison, Marion, Martin, Monroe, Morgan, Orange, Pulaski, St. Joseph, Tippecanoe, Vigo and Wells.

Also on Friday, the ISDH announced it had partnered with Gravity Diagnostics to increase free COVID-19 testing across the state.

Under the partnership, the Covington, Kentucky-based Gravity will provide the staff and supplies needed to collect and analyze up to 5,000 COVID-19 tests per day, including rapid antigen and PCR tests. The testing operation will scale up in the coming weeks and will have the ability to expand to up to 45 sites as the need warrants. Sites will remain at designated locations for fixed periods to increase the availability of testing in communities that currently lack adequate testing resources.

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The contract will run until June 30, 2022, with an option to extend if needed.

While community testing is the initial focus of the partnership, the agreement also offers the option to provide voluntary testing in K-12 school settings statewide. Under that provision, Gravity will coordinate with schools directly to determine their interest in testing. Details are still being finalized.

Testing sites will be posted at [www.coronavirus.in.gov](http://www.coronavirus.in.gov) and <https://gravitydiagnostics.com/covid-19-testing-drive-thru-locations/>.

On Tuesday, the ISDH reported that 3,580 additional Hoosiers had been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 913,528 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's dashboard.

To date, 14,482 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, which includes 91 newly reported deaths that occurred between Aug. 29 and Sept. 13. Another 458 probable deaths have been reported to date based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record.

A total of 4,060,372 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 4,052,405 on Monday. A total of 12,903,528 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the

ISDH since Feb. 26, 2020.

To find testing sites around the state, visit [www.coronavirus.in.gov](http://www.coronavirus.in.gov) and click on the COVID-19 testing information link. Clinics are being added regularly around the state.

Hoosiers age 12 and older can receive a COVID-19 vaccine; individuals younger than age 18 are eligible for the Pfizer vaccine only. To find a vaccination clinic near you, visit <https://ourshot.in.gov> or call 211 if you do not have access to a computer or require assistance. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are accepted at most sites.

COVID-19 vaccines will also be offered from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday at Indiana Tech, 1600 E. Washington Blvd., Fort Wayne; and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Wendell Wilkie Days, Edward Jones Parking Lot, 325 N. Main St., Rushville.

Hoosiers in the ZIP codes in which the clinics are located will receive a text message or email informing them of the locations and services offered.

As of Tuesday, a total of 6,363,906 doses have been administered in Indiana. This includes 3,188,890 first doses and 3,175,016 individuals who are fully vaccinated. The fully vaccinated number represents individuals who have received a second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines and those who received the single Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

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CONSTITUTION

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1955 when the organization petitioned Congress to dedicate these dates each year to the commemoration of Constitution Week. Congress adopted the resolution, and on Aug. 2, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed it into Public Law No. 915.

“The celebration's goals are threefold: To encourage the study of the historical events that led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787; to inform people that the Constitution is the basis of America's great heritage and the foundation for its way of life; and to emphasize U.S. citizens' responsibility to protect, defend and preserve the U.S. Constitution,” said Amiss.

Amiss said the DAR has been the foremost advocate for the awareness,

promotion and celebration of Constitution Week.

“This annual observance provides innumerable opportunities for educational initiatives and community outreach, two mission areas of crucial importance to the National Society,” said Amiss. “By fostering knowledge of, and appreciation for, the Constitution and the inalienable rights it affords to all Americans, DAR helps to keep alive the memory of the men and women who secured our nation's foundational liberties. We invite everyone to join us in celebrating this powerful document, which has enabled our democracy within a republic for more than two centuries. We hope that all Americans will learn more about the Constitution and its immense impact on our nation.”

During the 2019 observance, Manchester Col-

lege professor of political science Leonard Williams said the idea of a written constitution dated back to Aristotle, who had two definitions of the word “constitution.” Williams said the first was a plan of government, and the second was a form of life complete with norms and customs of a community. He said our current conception of the term has more to do with the first definition.

Williams said when the authors of the nation's founding document met in the summer of 1787 in Independence Hall in Philadelphia, they met in secret, with no press allowed. Future President James Madison took notes, which were not to be published until after everyone in attendance was deceased.

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parade route will begin at WHS at 580 N. Miami St., turn north on North Miami Street, turn east on West Harrison Avenue, turn north on North Wabash Street, turn west on Euclid Street, turn south on Alber Street and then return to WHS. The WHS football team will then take the field against Southwood High School at 7 p.m.

### Cunningham, Ganger to perform at Manchester University

Nationally recognized pianist Dion Cunningham will perform in a recital at Manchester University at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 in Cordier Auditorium at Manchester University's North Manchester campus. It is free and open to the public. He will be joined by Joshua Ganger on the trumpet. Cunningham will also present a piano master class at 11 a.m. in Cordier.

### Founders Day planned for Saturday

The Founders Day Festival, which begins with the parade through downtown Wabash, kicks off at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18. This year's event includes the Farmers Market moving onto Miami Street, between Canal and Market streets, a concert featuring Goshen's Abby Thomas at Paradise Spring Historical Park, a wreath-decorating contest, a Little Mister and Miss contest, reenactors at Paradise Spring and children's games, food trucks and vendors at the park until 4 p.m. For more information, call 260-563-4171. Anyone wishing to take part in the activities at the Pioneer Village may contact Paradise Spring board of directors president Deanna Unger by calling 260-571-2879. Wabash County YMCA vice president of operations Patty Godfroy is looking for volunteers. For more information, call her at 260-563-9622.

### Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, and Wednesday, Oct. 27 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, Oct. 13 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit [www.curehunger.org](http://www.curehunger.org), [classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182](http://classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182) or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

### Manchester Civic Band plans live performances

Manchester Civic Band performances at Peabody Retirement Community have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 22 and Dec. 1. This year's Timbercrest Retirement Community performances have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 29 and Dec. 8. They have tentatively scheduled performances for Saturday, Oct. 2 for a concert at Harvest Fest; the North Manchester Fun Fest parade; and at Doud's Orchard Open House in Denver, Indiana.

### Salamonie Lake workdays conclude Sept. 25

Salamonie Lake's Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, will host volunteer workdays at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. For more information, call 260-468-2127.

### Downtown Wabash Farmers' Market running every Saturday

The Downtown Wabash Farmers' Market continues its 2021 season from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays through Saturday, Sept. 26 in the Honeywell Center/Wabash Elks parking lot on the corner of Cass and Market St. To become a vendor for the 2021 Market, visit [WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market](http://WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market) or call 260-563-0975. For more information about Downtown Wabash Farmers' Market, visit [WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market](http://WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market).

### Salamonie Forest Preschool underway

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool from September 2021 through May 2022 for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once-a-month option will be held Tuesdays including Oct. 5, 2021; Nov. 2, 2021; Dec. 7, 2021; Jan. 4, 2022; Feb. 1, 2022; March 1, 2022; April 12, 2022; and May 3, 2022. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays including Sept. 28, 2021; Oct. 19, 2021; Nov. 16, 2021; Dec. 21, 2021; Jan. 18, 2022; Feb. 15, 2022; March 15, 2022; April 26, 2022; and May 17, 2022. The program fee for the package of nine once-a-month sessions is \$60 per child ages 3 to 5. Additional siblings are \$35. The program fee for the package of 18 twice a month sessions is \$100 per child, and additional siblings are \$75. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit [dnr.IN.gov/uwis](http://dnr.IN.gov/uwis) or [facebook.com/upperwabash](http://facebook.com/upperwabash).

### Final 2021 Shop Hop in downtown Wabash runs through September

Shop Hop returns to downtown Wabash through Thursday, Sept. 30 and includes a chance to win a prize of \$100 in Shop Hop Dollars, which are redeemable at the participating businesses. Participants will take a September Shop Hop form to each participating business and receive a validation mark, no purchase necessary. Once the Shop Hop form is 100 percent completed, participants will submit their form to one of the participating businesses, Bickford of Wabash, 3037 W. Division Road, or the Wabash Marketplace office, 189 S. Miami St. September Shop Hop forms must be submitted by 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30 for a chance to win. The winner will be selected in early October. Four downtown businesses participating in September's Shop Hop include Chapman's Brewing, 233 S. Miami St.; Lighthouse Mission, 123 W. Canal St.; Wabash Marketplace, 189 S. Miami St.; and JoJo's Ol'Factory & Co., 36 W. Canal St. Entry forms are available at each of the participating businesses and a digital copy of the form is available by visiting [WabashMarketplace.org](http://WabashMarketplace.org).

### Dr. Ford Home announces 'fun, family-friendly' event lineup

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment welcomes guests of all ages to Dr. James Ford Historic Home, 177 W. Hill St., for a full schedule of fun, family-friendly events in 2021, including Autumn Festival from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1; Trick or Treat at the Home during the city of Wabash's trick-or-treat hours; and Wabash

and Erie Canal history program with Jeff Koehler at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23. For more information, visit [HoneywellArts.org/dr-ford-home](http://HoneywellArts.org/dr-ford-home).

### 8th annual Car and Bike Show Bike Ride for Riley Kids planned

The Clown Town Motorcycles and Sharp Shooters Express will present the 8th annual Car and Bike Show Bike Ride for Riley Kids on Saturday, Oct. 2 at the American Legion Post No. 248, 800 Washington St., Lagro. Car show registration will be \$15 per car and will begin at 11 a.m., with kickstands up and entertainment starting at noon. For more information, call 260-466-7655.

### Manchester Symphony Orchestra announces 83rd season

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra under Conductor Debra Lynn heads into its 83rd season with four concerts in the works: Invitation to the Dance is Oct. 10, 2021, in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus of Manchester University. The concert features music from ballet and other works inspired by dance, and it will include Manchester University professors Beate Gilliar and Jim Brumbaugh-Smith dancing to Leroy Anderson's Blue Tango. Holiday Concert on Dec. 12, 2021, in Cordier features the Carol Symphony by Victor Hely-Hutchinson, Sleigh Ride by Frederick Delius, March Militaire by Franz Schubert and The Skater's Waltz by Émile Waldteufel. Trailblazers is March 13, 2022, at the Honeywell Center in Wabash, Indiana. It celebrates African-American composer Florence Price and her Symphony No. 1 in E minor. The concert will also feature high school and college winners of the orchestra's concerto competition. Spaces on May 15, 2022, in Cordier is the final concert of the season, showcasing the world premiere of Lynn's five-movement concerto titled Spaces, written specifically for guest artist Derek Reeves. He is the principal violist of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. All concerts are at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Masks and social distancing are required.

### Grow Wabash County's Annual Dinner Celebration set for Oct. 14

Grow Wabash County has announced that MPS Egg Farms has been selected as the 2021 Business of the Year and will be honored during Grow Wabash County's Annual Dinner Celebration from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14 in Legacy Hall at the Honeywell Center. For more information, visit [www.growwabashcounty.com/2021annualdinner](http://www.growwabashcounty.com/2021annualdinner), email [marketing@growwabashcounty.com](mailto:marketing@growwabashcounty.com) or call 260-563-5258.

### Salamonie 'Tweens Among the Trees' Forest School planned

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool from November 2021 through April 2022 at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. Classes will be held on Wednesdays: Nov. 3, 2021; Dec. 8, 2021; Jan. 5, 2022; Feb. 2, 2022; March 2, 2020; and April 20, 2022. The program fee for the package of six sessions is \$60 per child, ages 6 to 13; additional siblings are \$50. Advance registration is required. Limited space is available. Register by

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### Manchester Symphony Orchestra invites entries for concerto competition

In advance of the March 13, 2022 concert, the Manchester Symphony Orchestra invites vocalists, pianists and instrumentalists to register for its 2021-2022 season concerto competition. Competitors must be enrolled in a high school, home school program, college or university during the fall semester of 2021 to be eligible. The application fee is \$25. There are scholarship awards for high school division winners and cash awards for collegiate division winners. The competition is Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021, at Manchester University, and competition winners will perform with the orchestra at 3 p.m. March 13, 2022, during the Trailblazers concert. Tickets are \$15 for general admission. Admission is free for MU students, faculty and staff, as well as anyone age 18 and younger. Go to [www.manchestersymphonyorchestra.org](http://www.manchestersymphonyorchestra.org) to buy tickets or register for the competition.

### Honeywell Ladies Golf Association season continues

The Tuesday Honeywell Ladies Golf Association (LGA) will begin their season with a 9 a.m. shotgun Tuesdays, according to Lana Garber. The yearly dues of \$15 will be taken then. New members are welcome. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. All Tuesday events are scrambles. Register in the clubhouse by noon Monday.

### Honeywell Pool to open on a limited basis

For the time being, the Mark C. Honeywell Pool will be open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays each week. For more information, visit [www.wabashcountymca.org](http://www.wabashcountymca.org).

### DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email [office@wabashfriends.org](mailto:office@wabashfriends.org), call 260-571-5235 or visit [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org).

### Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

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## Barbara Jean Davis

Nov. 24, 1938 – Sept. 10, 2021



Barbara Jean Davis, 82, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, died 1:40 pm, Friday, Sept. 10, 2021, at Coventry Meadows in Fort Wayne. She was born on Nov. 24, 1938, in Muncie, Indiana, to Lola (Parkhurst) Syphers.

Barbara was a graduate of Muncie Central High School, and was a homemaker. Barbara married James Paul Davis, Jr. in Muncie on Nov. 22, 1958; he died May 5, 2008. She grew up in Muncie, then lived in Wabash for several years before moving to Fort Wayne in 1995. Barbara was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne. She enjoyed cooking, reading, and being at home with her family.

She is survived by five children, Dianna (Kurt) Mullett and Jody Long, both of Wabash, Rick Davis of Lafayette, Indiana, Kevin (Susann) Davis of Kokomo, Indiana, and Brent Davis of Fort Wayne, four grandchildren, Madeline Davis of Lafayette, Stephanie Long of Rossville, Georgia, Sophia

Davis of Fort Wayne, and Travis (Zach) Stevenson of Franklin, Indiana. She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be private. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Alzheimer's Association.

The memorial guest book for Barbara may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

## Nancy Rose Knapp

Aug. 13, 1934 – Sept. 8, 2021

Nancy Rose Knapp, 87, died Sept. 8, 2021. Nancy was born on Aug. 13, 1934, to Howard and E. Keturah (Hoover) Knapp near North Manchester. She was raised on the family farm with her late sister, Joanne (George) Welch. Surviving are nephews and nieces, Alan (Joyce) Welch, Lafayette; Brian (Beth) Welch, Avon; Cathy (Tim) Conrad,

Cullman, AL; and Deanna (Allan) Hughes, Fishers, and several great- and great-great nieces and nephews.

Memorial Service Sept. 21, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. with calling at 10:30 at McKee Mortuary, 1401 S.R. 114 West, North Manchester.

The family has entrusted McKee Mortuary with final arrangements.

## SONGBIRDS

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Carroll, Clark, Floyd, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Lake, Marion, Monroe, Morgan, Porter, St. Joseph, Tippecanoe and Whitley counties to continue the moratorium on bird feeders and birdbaths.

DNR state ornithologist Al-lisyn-Marie Gillet said these counties were singled out because other counties have had no cases in more recent weeks, while these counties are seeing a few cases in specific areas in their counties over time.

"The actions of many Hoosiers significantly helped the DNR's work related to the disease outbreak. By taking down their feeders and submitting more than 4,300 reports, residents enabled DNR staff to track the disease, detect regional differences, and provide updated recommendations for feeding birds. The DNR appreciates the efforts and actions of Hoosiers statewide," said Brindle.

Brindle said residents throughout Indiana may again put out their feeders "if they are comfortable doing so and are not observing sick or dead birds in their yards."

"DNR strongly encourages residents who do so to clean seed and suet feeders at least once every two weeks by scrubbing feeders with soap and water, followed by a short soak in a 10 percent bleach solution. Cleaning feeders help keep birds healthy and helps prevent the spread of disease. Feeders should be thoroughly rinsed and dried before being filled with birdseed. Hummingbird feeders should be cleaned at least once a week with a 10 percent bleach solution and rinsed thoroughly," said Brindle.

Brindle said the USGS National Wildlife Health Center's avian disease experts and other scientists are continuing their investigative work on the unidentified bird disease.

"Indiana DNR has provided samples to the laboratory to aid with its testing," said Brindle.

Brindle said multiple bird species have been reported as affected, including American robin, blue jay, brown-headed cowbird, common grackle, European starling, various species of sparrows and finches, and northern cardinal.

Brindle said DNR staff collected samples and submitted them to the Indiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory earlier in the summer.

"DNR received final laboratory diagnostic results which ruled out common bird diseases like avian influenza and West Nile virus," said Brindle. "The cause of this disease is unknown and it is possible it may never be determined. Wildlife disease events are often related to several interacting causes consisting of a pathogen, the environment and the health of the host."

Brindle said all birds have tested negative for avian influenza, West Nile virus, and other flaviviruses, Salmonella and Chlamydia (bacterial pathogens), Newcastle disease virus and other paramyxoviruses, herpesviruses and poxviruses, and Trichomonas parasites.

"In early September, biologists determined bird deaths associated with the disease outbreak had significantly declined," said Brindle.

Gillet said they have had no cases of this songbird disease affecting people.

"As we've tracked the disease over the past two months, we've seen that the disease only affects birds in a handful of specific areas rather than across the entire state and region and the quantity of affected birds is low," said Gillet. "Tens of thousands of birds are not dying. Instead, only about 500 birds were detected with symptoms, which makes leads me to conjecture that only about a couple thousand were affected this year in Indiana, including the ones we did not find. This is compared to the hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of songbirds that Indiana hosts in the state each year. Hence, we don't expect this disease to negatively affect songbirds at the level of their populations like causing population-wide declines."

Brindle said DNR biologists are still encouraging Hoosiers to continue reporting any sick or dead birds they find by visiting on [IN.gov/sickwildlife](http://IN.gov/sickwildlife).

"Reports help DNR staff continue to track this outbreak and identify new disease events and re-occurrences," said Brindle.

For more information, visit on [IN.gov/songbirddeaths](http://IN.gov/songbirddeaths).

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# ‘What goes around now comes with Jesus’

By JERRY GAUTHIER

It is nice to have memories. Scrapbooks, video cameras and other devices help take those moments with us for a lifetime. However, memories are not so picture perfect nor immune to heartache and shame. Isaiah the prophet wrote, “You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.” (Isaiah 26:3)

These words remind us that the depth of sin attacks even our memories. There are those moments that we do not talk about, record or desire to remember. How do you handle them? Some just ignore what was evil and end up treating it as if it was good. Others try to solve those instances by revenge or another extreme action to bring closure. There are also those consumed by constant despair, stuck on replay each day, and miss all the other blessings God has given to remember for life. What goes around comes around and with memories, there is no filter to change out like on that Brita filter to keep things pure.

Out of a global pandemic has spilled memories seared with death, injustice, and

much strife beyond any mere sickness. Psychology can teach us ways to stay positive, but the mind cannot just rewrite the past. The mindfulness of God is for us in Christ. Only in Him do harsh memories have relief without damage to others or self. It was this message of God’s faithfulness that gave Joseph in the Old Testament a different way to see life. He said to his betraying brothers, “As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.” (Genesis 50:20)

Joseph neither denies that what happened to him was evil, since his brothers sold him into slavery. Nor, does he dwell on such evil memories and act on them with his sinful nature to do harm. Instead, Joseph could see by faith that the Lord of grace cared for his life in the midst of his darkness. Moreover, it was not only beneficial to him but also supplied a way for saving many of the Israelites.

The Gospel won freely and fully by Christ is no mistake. God’s plan is to give “perfect peace” to troubled minds hurt by sin, death,

and Satan. Being captivate to Christ is to trust in Him being mindful of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Saint Paul says, “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Romans 12:21)

Jesus is good. The cross is good. God’s Word is good. No forgetfulness is with Christ. His death and resurrection are on the mind of the Heavenly Father from age to age. The sacrifice of His Son is the glory against all evil, but what comes around now is Jesus for you. He acts by His Word, is faithful in baptism, and calls us to remember what He instituted in the Lord’s Supper. The Church has a one-track mind to keep attention on Christ. Minds need to be soothed, trained, and purified by Him. Our bad memories die in Christ and even beyond those good memories. Jesus lives and reigns with greater things from His kingdom. Out of evil against Jesus has brought forth praise now and eternally. This truth by the Gospel God meant for all good and the love of Christ is kept alive for many.

*Jerry Gauthier is the pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Wabash.*

# Facebook, for whatever reason, tries to get religion

There are 2.4 billion Christians in the world today, according to most estimates.

Then again, nearly 3 billion people have Facebook accounts. Nearly 70 percent of U.S. adults use this social media platform, which recently passed \$1 trillion in market capitalization.

“I will use Facebook to reach people, because you almost have to do that,” said Father A. Stephen Damick, chief content officer for Ancient Faith Ministries, a 24-hour source for online radio channels, podcasts, blogs, forums and more. The ministry was born in 2004 and is now part of the North American archdiocese of the ancient Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch.

Facebook remains, he noted, “the No. 1 social media platform in the world – by a lot. You can’t ignore all those people. ... We knew this before COVID, but the pandemic made it impossible to deny the obvious. Everyone had to go online, one way or another.”

Facebook Live became a way to stream worship services online, even if all a pastor could do was mount a smartphone on a stand. Even small congregations began holding online religious-education classes, support groups and leadership meetings.

As for worship, it was one thing for Protestant megachurches to stream TV-friendly services built on pop-rock Christian music and charismatic preaching. The online options were more problematic for faiths in which worship centered on the smells,

bells, images and tastes of ancient liturgies.

Then, in early June, images began circulating of a Twitter message introducing “Prayer Posts” allowing Facebook users to “enable group members to ask for and respond to prayers” with a few clicks in a page’s control settings. Participation could be as simple as a user clicking an “I prayed” button linked to a prayer.

This isn’t a totally new idea. The Facebook “Prayer Warriors” group already has 865,700 active members, a flock larger than the average of 518,000 Episcopalians that attended services on an average Sunday in 2019, according to the denomination’s statistics.

Nevertheless, the “Prayer Posts” hubbub led to a New York Times headline stating, “Facebook’s Next Target: The Religious Experience.” This feature noted that the tech giant had staged a “virtual faith summit” that included testimonies from religious leaders claiming that Facebook helped them grow their ministries during the depths of the pandemic.

Could traditional faiths hold rites in “virtual reality spaces,” along with “augmented reality” Sunday school classes? Could ancient Jewish prayers chanted by mourners be replaced with waves of comments and clicks?

At some point, pastors will also need to decide if they trust the powers that be at this Big Tech superpower, noted Father Jim McDermott, associate editor of the Jesuit journal America.

“We are not talking about the Vatican or the Dalai Lama. ... We are talking about Facebook, a company that makes its living off convincing people to reveal as much of their lives as

possible on its platform,” he wrote in a commentary entitled, “Facebook wants you to pray with them. Don’t trust their intentions.”

Prayer is a unique form of communication, he stressed. Inserting prayer into a high-tech framework ruled by clicks, emojis, “shares” and sympathetic or snarky comments “weaponizes our prayers against us. Every ‘I prayed’ click stimulates us and also generates anxiety. Will I get more? Will it be as many as I think my prayer deserves? What if it’s not? Or if someone else gets more than me? What does that say about me? Or about them?”

Then there was another truth seen during the pandemic, noted Damick. Clearly, many believers “found that going to church through their screens ... was a bit too easy – for some people, easier than attending in person.”

Clergy can also see the positives. Internet programs allow many people – especially the sick and elderly – to remain connected to congregations they love. Podcasts and Facebook posts are pulling many new seekers through physical sanctuary doors.

At the same time, “we have to stay aware of what Facebook is doing and what their goals are,” he said. “Facebook is not interested in changing the world through prayer. Facebook wants you to stay on their page and keep talking and clicking. ...

“Everything that you do on a social media website will be used – right now or in the future – to advertise to you. Facebook is not interested in your salvation.”

*Terry Mattingly leads GetReligion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.*

# Words of wisdom in troubled times

How easy it is, in times of ease, for us to become dependent on our routines, on the established order of our day-to-day existence, to carry us along.”

These words greeted subscribers to the monthly spiritual magazine Magnificat 20 years ago, on the morning after the 9/11 attacks on the United States. The meditations in Magnificat (whose digital arm can be found at [us.magnificat.net](http://us.magnificat.net) – a daily gift in my life) are chosen months in advance. There was no way for the editors to know what we all would be facing on Sept. 12, 2001. Many people saw a divine hand in that selection. It certainly helped hearts. It can again.

The meditation was from Father Walter Ciszek, a Jesuit priest who spent two decades in Soviet prisons, convicted of being a “Vatican spy.” His words, taken from his book “He Leadeth Me,” come from a man with the courage of conviction. There is a desire for normalcy, but is the comfort of routine just a false security?

Father Ciszek has thoughts about “normal”: “We don’t have to desire much of the

things of this world – to be enamored of riches, for example, or greedy or avaricious – in order to have gained this sense of comfort and well-being, to trust in them as our support – and to take God for granted.”

And this is what wowed readers, looking for some comfort and insight into how to process the terrorist attacks on the United States two decades ago: “Somehow, then, God must contrive to break through those routines of ours and remind us once again ... that we are ultimately dependent only upon Him, that He has made us and destined us for life with Him through all eternity, that the things of this world and this world itself are not our lasting city, that his we are and that we must look to Him and turn to Him in everything.”

That is not to say that God caused the attacks – that’s not how it works. But it is a reminder that bad things happen when we take God for granted, when we forget to see God’s presence in the world. During the pandemic, churches in New York City were closed, often for months, while liquor stores remained open. It certainly seems like we’ve been taking God for granted again, and at a time when we most need God’s presence.

Father Ciszek continued in Magnificat: “Then it is,

perhaps, that he must allow our whole world to be turned upside down in order to remind us it is not our permanent abode or final destiny, to bring us to our senses and restore our sense of values, to turn our thoughts once more to him – even if at first our thoughts are questioning and full of reproaches.”

We were questioning 20 years ago, and we are again today. We wonder about the people who we have welcomed into our country. We wonder about the next terrorist attack. We worry about COVID-19 and variants. We worry about finances – oh goodness, how we do! Enough! There is more to life than fear and the relentless quest for security. The future is unknown. All we can do is love. And trust in God. Faith is a gift, and I pray it that you receive it. And if we believers did a better job trusting in Him, we wouldn’t be the nation of fear we sometimes seem to be. Now and then, this is a crucial takeaway. Christian living and believing make all the difference.

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# Reopening of 3 powerhouse Broadway shows signals new dawn

By MARK KENNEDY  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — We know when it paused. But when did it restart?

One of the recurring debates among theater lovers has been what would signify Broadway’s return after the global pandemic shuttered live theater in March 2020.

Was it when Bruce Springsteen played his concert show on June 26? Was it the opening of the new play, “Pass Over” on Aug. 22? Or was it when two big musicals – “Hadestown” and “Waitress” – allowed patrons inside again on Sept. 2? Is it when the iconic TKTS booth reopens?

For the producers of three powerhouse shows – “The Lion King,” “Hamilton” and “Wicked” – the answer is Tuesday, when the spiritual anchors of modern Broadway’s success rev their engines again.

“The Lion King,” “Hamilton” and “Wicked” all staked out Tuesday to reopen together in early May after then-New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo picked Sept. 14 for when Broadway could begin welcoming back audiences at

full capacity.

“I think it actually won’t feel real to me until we have an audience in front of us,” said L. Steven Taylor, who stars in “The Lion King” as Mufasa. “It’s such an important element to this, and especially, I think, after everything that we’ve gone through.”

While a few other shows have opened in the meantime, the return of the trio on Tuesday – as well as the long-running “Chicago” – is an important signal that Broadway’s most valuable shows are back, despite pressure and uncertainty from the spread of the delta variant.

“The world has to restart. It just has to. We cannot sustain this anymore,” said Sharon Wheatley, a veteran actor in the show “Come From Away,” which resumes its Broadway run Sept. 21.

Ticketholders to all three mega-hits must prove they are fully vaccinated with an FDA or WHO authorized vaccine and masks must be worn at all times, except when eating or drinking in designated areas.

Actors across Broadway like Wheatley say they’re itching to get back on stage after more than a year of waiting,

trusting the health experts to make the process safe.

“It’s a little bit like when you’re on an airplane and there’s turbulence,” she said. “I have to trust the pilot, I have to trust the air traffic controllers. I feel nervous, but I have to understand that I don’t know as much as these people do.”

“Hamilton,” which opened six years ago, “Wicked,” which opened 17 years ago and “The Lion King,” which opened 23 years ago, form the bedrock of modern Broadway, virtually immune to downturns, shifts in tourism and rivals.

On Tuesday, they plan staggered openings – 7 p.m. for “Wicked” at the Gershwin Theatre and 7:30 p.m. for “The Lion King” at the Minskoff Theatre. “Hamilton” will open at 8 p.m. at the Richard Rodgers Theatre. All three are opening for full capacity.

“Wicked” composer Stephen Schwartz, “The Lion King” director Julie Taymor and “Hamilton” creator Lin-Manuel Miranda are expected to be on hand, visiting each of their theaters to welcome back patrons before each show.

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## Wabash finds success in weekend showdown

Apaches will play Thursday at North Miami; and Saturday in the Wawasee Invitational

By **CLAY MAXFIELD**

Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

Wabash's varsity volleyball team faced off against two non-conference foes on Saturday afternoon in Carroll and Tipton. The Apaches split, winning 3-0 against the Carroll Cougars before falling 3-1 to the Blue Devils.

After the weekend of matches, Wabash currently sits at 9-4 while still holding a third-place spot in the Three Rivers Conference with a 2-0 record.

"There were some adverse situations that popped up and I thought our girls handled themselves great," Comer said. "We're just going to grow from this. You learn from your losses in situations where we were down a couple of times. ... I was really proud of how they played and situations like this are better for you than going out and winning three easy sets against somebody."

The Apaches fell behind early in the first set against the Cougars before rallying for a 29-27 victory followed by continual dominance in set two with a score of 25-16.

Faryn Morris and Jade Stumbo were aggressive offensively for Wabash against Carroll with Morris notching 14 kills and 27 attacks while Stumbo finished with 12 and 21.

As a bonus for the Apaches, Stumbo hit .571 against the Cougars and went 12-12 serving after



Ashlynn Cruz led the team with 14 digs against Carroll while notching 35 and 14 services points in the loss against Tipton.

finishing the game with 9 digs.

"Ashlynn Cruz, if I had to pick a player of the game, that would be her," Comer said. "She just played amazing defense all day."

Ashlynn Cruz led the team with 14 digs against Carroll while notching 35 and 14 services points in the loss against Tipton.

In their deciding set against Carroll, Wabash went on two eight-point runs, allowing just one Carroll point in between, before finishing off the opposition with a 25-13 final.

For Comer, the success for Wabash this season has been reliant based off of what the Apache juniors bring to the floor.

"The four returning varsity players that we have, which are juniors, they've played since they were freshmen. They're the experienced group of our bunch. Emma Tracy as our setter really seems to settle people down. ... The leadership they bring to the court just from all



Jade Stumbo finished with 12 kills and 21 attacks against Carroll.

their experience is really helping us a lot," she said.

Wabash lost a close opening set to the Tipton Blue Devils in game two, 25-23 before falling in the following set.



Faryn Morris was aggressive offensively for Wabash against Carroll, notching 14 kills and 27 attacks.

With less than half of their season remaining, Comer is encouraged by the tenacious team that she will have come tournament time.

"A lot of what we can improve on is stuff that we can control," Comer said. "We have only four people that have any real varsity experience so the more games that everybody else gets under their belt, the more comfortable they're going to feel playing together."

"Over the weekend we had some situations, but it was okay because we learned from that. You're down, are you going to roll over? ... They've shown me that they're going to fight and that's exciting for a coach that you got a kid that's going to compete the entire match."

Wabash will play at North Miami on Thursday followed by an away tournament on Saturday in the Wawasee Invitational.

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## WABASH FALLS TO ROCHESTER IN FRIDAY FOOTBALL ACTION



Wabash's Mason Dillon, Brayden Sickafus and Jared Brooks run out of the locker room before Friday's game at Rochester. Friday was the day before the 20th anniversary of Sept. 11.



Izaak Wright hands out to Jared Brooks during the first quarter of Friday's game against the Rochester Zebras. Brooks had two carries.



Wabash quarterback Izaak Wright throws to an open receiver on Friday at Rochester. Wright threw three passing touchdowns and completed 19 passes.

## Wentz, Colts scrambling for solutions

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Carson Wentz started fast Sunday.

Then Seattle turned up the heat and Wentz struggled.

While the Indianapolis Colts new starting quarterback put up solid numbers in his long-awaited debut, Wentz struggled to evade pressure, finish drives or even pick up first downs in a 28-16 season-opening loss to the Seahawks.

"I know a handful of plays I want back where I could have gotten us in the right protections, so you can never take it at face value," he said. "We just didn't play complementary football."

Wentz's struggles against the Seahawks certainly aren't new. He came into the game with an 0-5 all-time mark against Seattle, having completed 60.3 percent of his throws for 1,040 yards with six touchdowns and six interceptions.

He was better Sunday, going 25 of 38 with 251 yards, two touchdowns and no turnovers.

But this certainly didn't look like the offense that had been advertised.

An offensive line that had allowed the second-fewest sacks over the past three seasons (71) allowed three sacks and 10 total hits on Wentz, who spent much of the second half scrambling. Even on a late 2-point conversion attempt, Wentz was trying to buy time.

Perhaps some of the miscues could be explained by the Colts' training camp problems.

Wentz missed three weeks with an injured left foot and five more days when he landed on the reserve/COVID-19 list. He completed only two full practices in pads before Sunday's game, and he was not alone.

Center Ryan Kelly missed al-

most as much time with an elbow injury and also found himself on the COVID-19 list. All-Pro left guard Quenton Nelson missed three weeks after having foot surgery, too, and another five days on the COVID-19 list before a back injury flared up this past week.

Pro Bowl left tackle Eric Fisher still hasn't been cleared to play as he continues recovering from a torn Achilles tendon he suffered in January.

While Kelly and Nelson started Sunday, Fisher was replaced by Julie'n Davenport and the drop-off was noticeable — even if players and coach Frank Reich refused to single anyone out.

"One of the biggest things is to keep the quarterback safe and we gave up too many hits," Kelly said. "If he's scrambling that's on us. We'll go back and watch this as an entire offense."

## WMS runners win again

It was the Apaches' third championship in four outings this season

By **ROY CHURCH**

MARION — Placing its five scorers in the top 10 finishers, the Wabash Middle School (WMS) boys cross country team captured the Wildcat Classic Invitational title at Indiana Wesleyan University here Saturday.

It was the Apaches' third championship in four outings this season. After winning the county junior high title for the 11th straight time on Day 1, the team won the middle school crown at the Penn Invite, was runner-up last week in Terre Haute and then won again — easily — on Saturday.

Drew Guenin-Hodson and Bobby Shull finished second and third, respectively, behind the winner, Caiden Daniel of McCullough Jr. High. The winner came in at 11:02.4, while Guenin-Hodson finished in 11:05.7 and Shull crossed the line in 11:05.9.

In fifth place was Isaiah Cordes in 11:17.1, then Caidan Burchett in eighth (11:23.5) and Ezra Church in 10th (11:27.7). Rounding out Wabash's entry were Coleson Kugler in 16th (11:35.5) and Camden Oswalt in 17th (11:36.2).

Others finishers in the 142-man field included Treyce Daughtry, 39th in 12:30.4; Keaton Lane, 48th in 12:58.9; Raven Weaver, 52nd in 13:04.8; Beckett Shaw, 69th in 13:44.7; Camdyn Hinkle, 92nd in 14:45.0, and Luke Kaufman, 94th in 14:53.2.

Wabash defeated a 13-team field with 27 points. Runner-up Wawasee had 73 points.

"The middle school boys are in the heart of their season right now," head coach Ryan Evans said. "The workouts are the toughest they're gonna get all year. The key for the next few weeks is consistency.

"Today they came out and took care of business on fatigued legs. We did a monster workout Wednesday, but their mental resolve did not falter in the race," he added.

"Bobby is getting back into form from an earlier accident and is pushing his teammates to better themselves by challenging them. Caidan is always looking to compete. You would never know this

is his first year running.

"Drew is consistently running great races and it's easy to take his effort for granted. He just quietly takes care of business," Evans said. "Keaton has been steadily improving throughout the entire season."

In the boys Grey race for smaller schools, Wabash finished sixth out of 22 teams. Culver Academies had the winner (Samuel Tullis) and fourth place on its way to the win with 85 points. The Apaches totaled 209.

Kaden Vogel led the Wabash effort, finishing fifth in 17:13.8. He was followed by Jonas Church and Jace Bullins in 27th and 28th places, respectively, with the same time of 18:24.6.

Chase Howard, 78th in 19:37.4, and Nick Perkins, 85th in 19:54.6, rounded out the Wabash scoring. Other finishers were Kasen Oswalt, 113th in 20:41.3; Ethan Berry, 123rd in 20:55.8; Kristian Stanton, 149th in 22:04.8, and Braxten Lakin, 161st in 27:56.7.

"Kaden busted out a good performance today while Jonas and Jace pushed each other throughout the entire race. It's easy to forget that we're talking about a sophomore and two freshmen," Evans said. "They are ultra competitive."

"The first meet of the new training block is in the books. Our younger guys are learning lots of things in these races. The more we race the better we'll get."

In the girls Gray event, the Lady Apaches were led by Cali Kugler, who was 66th in 25:51.7; Ivy Beamer, 79th in 26:38.0, and Grace La Mar, 95th in 27:47.0. They were one of several schools without full teams.

Wabash's middle school squad finished 10th in a race won by Norwell. Raegen Jones led the Wabash squad across the finish line in 43rd place in 14:33.6. Also scoring were Quinn Myers, 58th in 15:09.9; Ava Bishir, 63rd in 15:26.3; Hayley Friend, 84th in 16:08.8 and Bridget Bailey, 86th in 16:25.4.

Other finishers included Caitlyn Shidler, 89th in 16:41.9; Maya Howard, 97th in 17:10.8; Audri Shidler, 113th in 18:45.3; Al-layan Renn, 116th in 18:55.1 and Emma Cantrell, 136th in 22:56.5.

WMS was to compete Tuesday in a three-way meet at Peru with RJ Baskett. All four teams are slated to compete Saturday in the West Noble Invitational.

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# Pandemic isolation leaves man’s social skills ‘rusty’

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a guy who is 27. I have always been somewhat shy and reserved, but I do like people and I like mixing. After more than a year of being “locked down” during the COVID-19 pandemic, although I was fine being housebound, I started missing human contact. Social opportunities are opening up for me now, and though I was never great in conversations at parties, my “time away” has made me rusty. I believe you have written some pointers for being better in social situations. Can you give me a quick refresher course? Thanks, Abby! — Ready To Be Back Out There

Dear Abby



**DEAR READY:** I’m happy to try. The first thing to understand is that social adeptness is a skill. No one is born with it. It has to be learned. With practice, it can be “polished” until it becomes second nature.

Part of being social is showing an interest in other people. Encourage them to share their interests and opinions. Ask them to tell you about themselves and what they think. Ask their opinions and, when they tell you, be a good listener. Cultivate your own interests so you will have something to share with them.

I publish a booklet (which is probably what you were alluding to in your letter) titled, “How to be Popular” that contains many useful tips for polishing social skills. It can be ordered by sending your name and address, plus a check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds), to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. It is meant for people of all ages and covers a variety of situations. (If parents, teachers and clergy know someone who needs help in this regard, it might make an inexpensive gift that could change the course of a person’s life.)

When you receive it, don’t read it just once. Keep it handy for reference because it contains many helpful suggestions about how to be the kind of individual others find interesting and attractive. The keys to being socially successful are: Be kind. Be honest. Be tactful. Offer a compliment if you think it is deserved. And if you become anxious, remember: People can think of only one thing at a time. Forget about yourself and concentrate on the OTHER person. Try it and you’ll find it works like a charm.

**DEAR ABBY:** Lately my best friend has been assuming the role of the masculine lesbian in our duo. I’m tired of making cute outfits, and I want a turn to dress as the male. How do I subtly hint that we need a role switch-up? — Curious & Confused In Connecticut

**DEAR CURIOUS & CONFUSED:** Hint? Why hint? Choose a time when you are both calm and relaxed and tell her what you need. You have a right to do that, and if she cares about you, she should be willing to accommodate you.

**TO MY READERS:** Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement begins at sundown. During this 24-hour period, observant Jewish people fast, engage in reflection and prayer, and formally repent for any sin that might have been committed during the previous Hebrew year. To all of you who observe — may your fast be a meaningful one.

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## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

- 1 Cutting instrument
- 6 Barbarian
- 12 Loss of power
- 14 Department
- 15 Person from Delhi
- 16 Evolve
- 17 Hwys.
- 18 Teacher’s favorite
- 19 Crack pilot
- 21 — Enterprise
- 23 Kind of cube
- 26 Grassy field
- 27 Damp
- 28 Bull’s noise
- 30 Orbit segment
- 31 Fruit drink
- 32 Where Greek met Greek
- 33 Ocean or river
- 35 Prophet Samuel’s mentor
- 37 Flee
- 38 Daring feat
- 39 Aberdeen kid

### 40 Dog days in Dijon

- 41 That, in Acapulco
- 42 Superlative suffix
- 43 Hurler’s stat
- 44 Travel guide
- 46 Primitive cabin
- 48 Late summer flowers
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- 55 Twin of Artemis
- 56 Big hammer
- 57 Central Park sight
- 58 Burning desire

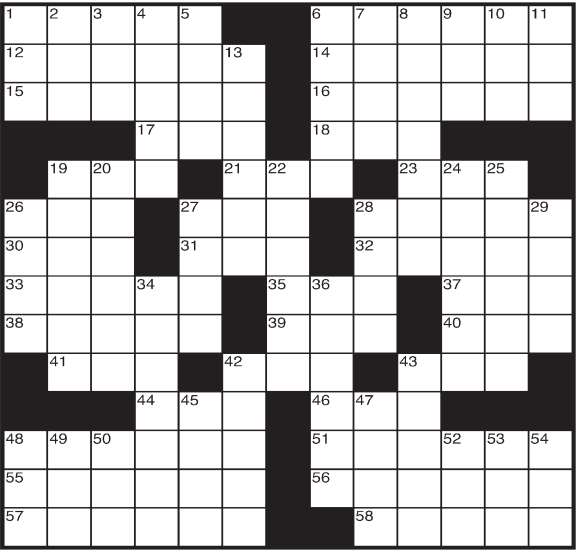
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- 2 Cell habitant
- 3 “— take forever!”
- 4 Laissez- —
- 5 Victorian oath
- 6 Musical intros
- 7 The chills
- 8 Mesh

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 9 Chromosome material
- 10 Pretend
- 11 Strong alkali
- 13 Happened next
- 19 Make bubbly
- 20 Spiny plant
- 22 Structural metals
- 24 Champagne bucket
- 25 Typesetting mistakes
- 26 Statutes
- 27 Bump on a frog
- 28 Blurted out
- 29 Not wild
- 34 Glossy paints
- 36 Grinding machines
- 42 — Downs (racetrack)
- 43 Upper regions of space
- 45 The younger Guthrie
- 47 West Coast sch.
- 48 Ooh companion
- 49 Health resort
- 50 Freight unit
- 52 Not common
- 53 Sense of self
- 54 German article



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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION								
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7	9	8	1	4	6	5	2	3
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5	8	3	9	1	7	2	4	6
4	1	6	3	5	2	7	9	8
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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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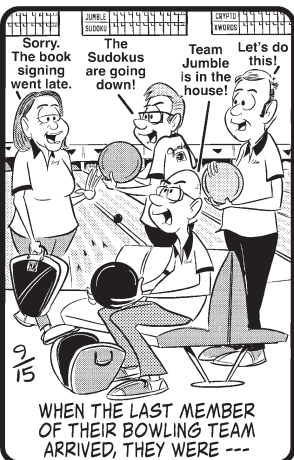
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Saturday’s Jumbles: HANDY GLORY LIMBER TIGHTS Answer: They had no choice but to do what the octopus wanted after being — STRONG ARMED

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

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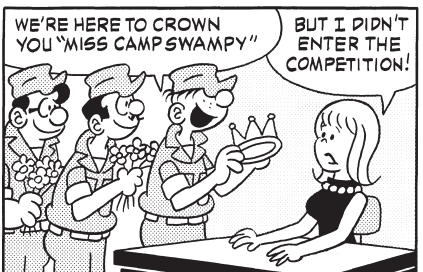
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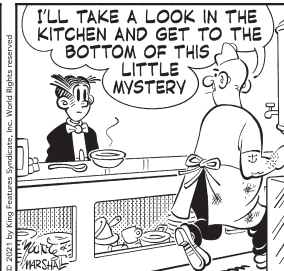
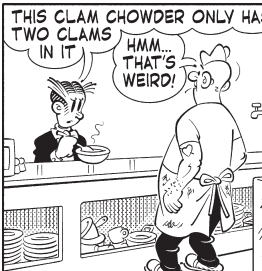
“I have to be quarterback. You’ve got the wrong number.”

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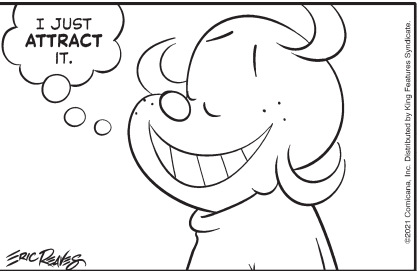
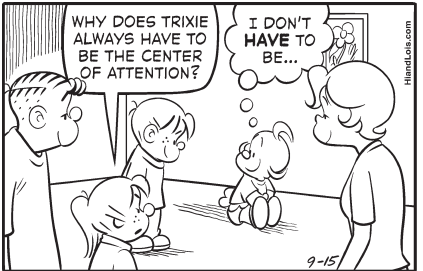
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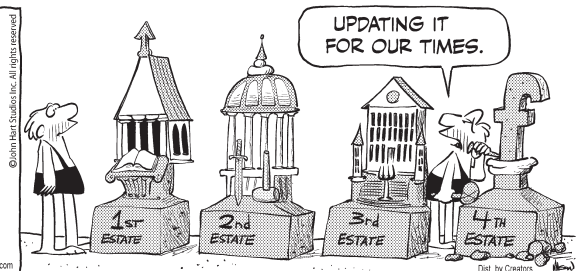
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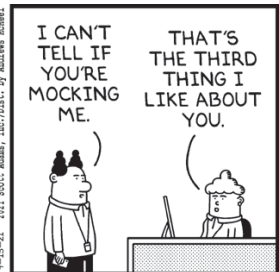
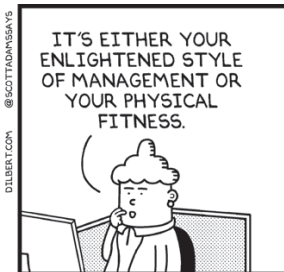
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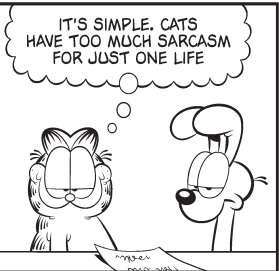
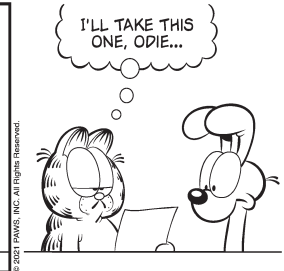
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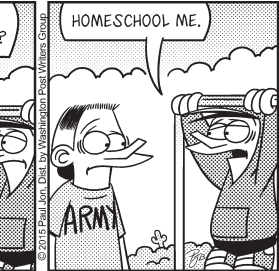
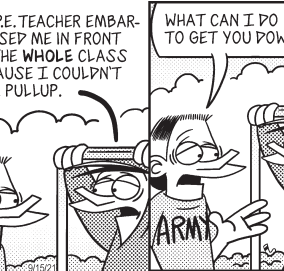
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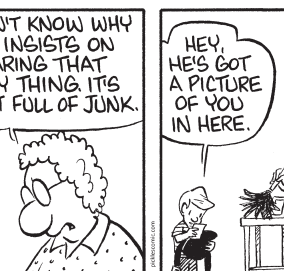
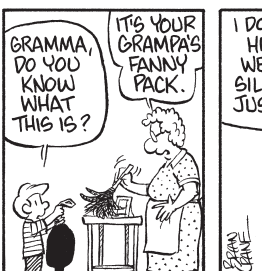
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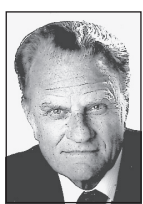


# No one can read the Gospels without feeling the actual presence of Jesus

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q:** There was a day when even entertainers acknowledged that Jesus was who He said He was, yet did not claim Him as their Savior. Today there’s a deep hatred at the mention of His name. Can people acknowledge Jesus as a real person and still not believe? — A.J.

**Billy Graham**  
My Answer



**A:** The Saturday Evening Post once published a landmark interview with the great physicist and mathematician Albert Einstein. His response to questions of Jesus as a historical figure are breathtaking. He stated, “I am enthralled by the luminous figure of the Nazarene.... No one can read the Gospels without feeling the

actual presence of Jesus. His personality pulsates in every word. No myth is filled with such life.”

No one knows whether Einstein ever received Christ as Savior, but near the end of life he said, “If you ask me to prove what I believe, I can’t. ... The mind can proceed only so far upon what it knows and can prove. There comes a point where the mind takes a leap... and comes out upon a higher plane of knowledge, but can

never prove how it got there. All great discoveries have involved such a leap.”

But we can’t rely on the testimony of others over the testimony of Christ Himself who said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM” (John 8:58). This leap of faith is given when we speak the name of Jesus in sincere truth, realizing that we’re bound to a dark eternity without His forgiveness, grace, and mercy.

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“CPBSY KAY SYUK KANWV RFDMI SY  
KF LFHVYK SYNWV HNVAK FH RHFWV  
PSFDK EYFEMY PWI TDUK VF PMFWV  
LFH KAY HNIY.” — EANMNE HFKA

Previous Solution: “The holiest of holidays are those kept by ourselves in silence and apart: The secret anniversaries of the heart.” — H.W. Longfellow

TODAY’S CLUE: A s i p n b a g



# Opinion

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## DAILY SCRIPTURE

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

John 14:27

# D-day on delta: President Biden escalates the COVID-19 vaccination push

The government's first responsibility is to protect human lives. So President Biden on Thursday was right and right on time to lay down a simple "no jab, no job" COVID-19 vaccine ultimatum for the nation's largest employer, Uncle Sam, as well as for federal contractors.

His most sweeping mandate – a Labor Department rule requiring all private businesses with more than 100 employees make their workers get their shots, or take weekly coronavirus tests, with penalties of up to \$14,000 per violation – will be a challenge to defend against inevitable lawsuits. (Can a work-from-home employee be compelled to get vaccinated? Will the legal logic hold even though vaccination does not stop spread?) But give

the president credit for trying to save lives, and for taking the mandate of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration both seriously and literally.

Others should follow his lead, as the Los Angeles schools did by making all eligible students get vaccinated. If students must get their shots for largely conquered diseases like polio and diphtheria, as they do across America, the case is 10 times stronger to guard against a raging plague that's clogging hospitals.

More than 650,000 Americans have died from COVID-19. If current daily death counts fueled by the contagious delta variant (in excess of 1,500) remain constant, that horrifying total will reach 1 million in just 233 more days.

They will not remain constant. To some extent, the virus ebbs and flows in ways beyond our control. To a larger extent, the United States controls its destiny, with masking one way to slow spread and an ample supply of free, highly effective vaccines that all but guarantee those who get infected will not land in the ICU or the graveyard. Yet just 54 percent of Americans have gotten their shots, an unacceptably low rate.

The weapons to win the war are in our hands. The only way out of another year of agony and Zoom funerals and widespread economic disruption is the inoculation of millions. Roll up your sleeve, America.

*This editorial was first published in the New York Daily News.*



## The evolving nature of work

This Labor Day weekend came in the wake of a turbulent pandemic, accompanied by record high unemployment followed abruptly by concerns about a labor shortage. These facts occasion some introspection about the future of work in America. To do so means recognizing the current and likely future state of labor markets, as well as an acknowledgement of a deeper, more complex role that work plays in our lives and wellbeing.

Humans were made to work, and the celebration of labor a key part of every successful modern society, nowhere more so than in the United States. Alexis de Tocqueville, the great chronicler of early America noted, "Among a Democratic people, where there is no hereditary wealth, every man works to earn a living, or is born of parents who have worked. The notion of labor is presented to the mind, on every side, as the necessary, natural and honest condition." Even today, Americans work almost a full week more per year than the average developed nation.

Work has the potential to provide meaning and satisfaction, unconnected to the economic importance of the task at hand. Work gives us sense of accomplishment, social interaction and the opportunity to earn respect for what we do, not who we are. These are human traits brought to fullest fruition in a market economy like ours. I like to tell my European friends that what differentiates us is that in America we judge someone not by who their parents were, but by what they create for their children.

These are powerful ideas that animate many, if not most Americans who go to work happily, if not joyfully. Even when the work is hard, dirty and filled drudgery it allows a worker to earn money, provide for a family or get skills for a better job. This last part touches on the economics of work.

Wages are roughly connected to the value a worker brings to their employer in markets. This value is called worker productivity. While most of us value the work we do implicitly along many dimensions,

labor markets are far more explicit. So, understanding what labor market changes are occurring, tells us a great deal about the future of work.

Automation looms large in this discussion, and automation may be very disruptive to work. Of course, machines won't replace work. Humans are just too intellectually nimble to be replaced by machines, but many of the tasks humans perform can be automated. Increasingly, workers are separated by how they respond to the elimination of tasks by machines. Better-educated workers do much better than less-educated workers, even when the task loss is greater for them.

Formal education, particularly at the margin of attending college, is a meaningful discriminator between the risk of automation adding or subtracting for the demand for labor. Over the past 30 years ending in 2019, the U.S. economy produced 28.8 million new jobs for college grads and 11.3 million for those who had attended some college. That's a whopping 40 million jobs for the kids who went to college. For those who did not, the economy lost 3.5 million jobs. So, a full 79 percent of jobs created in the U.S. since the first Bush Administration went to the 26.9 percent of adults who had finished college.

This sharp differentiation of job growth has been accompanied by meaningful wage growth only for the college graduates. The growing wage premium for college graduates shatters the hypothesis that college grads are increasingly underemployed, taking jobs from less well-educated workers. The increasing demand for college graduates is very real, and I think there are three durable reasons for it.

The first is that we grow richer, changing consumption away from the demand for good towards services. These new services, from education and healthcare to recreation, face market-driven demand for more educated workers. Some of this could be improved by less rigorous occupational licensing, but even in occupations without license requirements, there appears significant demand for more, not less education.

The second reason is that we live and work longer, making the finan-

cial return to education higher for both workers and businesses. This is especially true at higher levels of education, where both the individual costs and benefits are highest.

Third, the type of job complexity has changed substantially over the past half century or longer. I don't think this means that jobs are more complex today than in the past. Agriculture, carpentry, medicine and business management have always been complex human ventures, but much of the complex nature of these jobs in the past has been learned 'on the job,' or at least outside formal education. Today, all these occupations have their foundation in formal schooling. One-and-a-half centuries ago, few business managers were college graduates, and medical school was no more than a four-year degree. A negligible number of farmers or carpenters had formal education beyond eighth grade. That has changed radically.

The growth of formal education is liberating to both workers and business, offering a far more concentrated educational experience. So, formal schooling makes it easier to change occupations later in life, but there's more than that. Formal education in these occupations include a lot of 'general' skills. These skills permit workers to more readily adjust to technology changes within their own occupation. This likely explains why college-educated workers are far less susceptible to automation-related job losses.

Looking into the distant future of work, it is clear that formal education, particularly a four-year college degree, will play a growing role in successful workers. The middle-class worker of 1930 had only an eighth-grade education. The middle-class worker of 1970 had a high school education, and in 2020 the middle-class worker had attended college. By 2040, the middle-class American worker will have a four-year college degree.

This turn of events will make the nation as a whole more prosperous and our labor markets more stable. However, we should always be conscious of the risk that places with few college graduates will be less prosperous and will face more volatile labor markets.

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## Flying is back to normal: Awful

I'm sitting on the deck at the Roadrunner Ranch, my brother's place in Hill Country, Texas.

The good news is that real life still exists outside of the bitter political divide that seems to loom over everything these days, where people can visit with loved ones

to talk pleasantly about everything and nothing at all. As I write, my brother and sister are enjoying early afternoon coffee, and the deer and gray foxes have finished lunch in the shade of the live oak tree and gone off to nap in the underbrush.

The better news is that my sister and I arrived here safely and in relatively good spirits, without any major headaches on our trip. If you've mostly sheltered in place in Indiana for the last year and a half and want to get back out there, you should be glad to know that air travel is pretty much back to normal.

Which is to say: just awful. Well, not exactly just awful.

My friend Joe, who wrote features for the Michigan City News-Dispatch, was also the toughest movie critic I have ever met. Since he ended up in Chicago, editing Roger Ebert's copy, I bow to him as an expert on the subject. He had only three ratings for movies: stinks, doesn't stink and better than doesn't stink.

"But, Joe," I once asked him, "what about that rare movie that gets everything exactly right and shines as a beacon of film-making perfection? What would you call that movie?"

"Well, if I ever see one, I'll let you know."

I have adapted Joe's rating system, with minor alterations, for air travel. There are only three kinds of air-travel experiences: not quite awful, awful and worse than awful. Even if you do everything right, and there are no weather reschedulings or other act-of-God delays, not quite awful is the best you can expect.

To that end, seasoned traveler that I am, I offer two suggestions to take the edge off the awfulness.

The first is to go First Class. Yes, you're paying ridiculously more to travel in the same plane to the same destination. But if you're not a frequent flyer, if you get on a plane once a year instead of several times, it's worth the cost.

You are seated two to a row, not three. Each passenger has an armrest in the middle instead of having to share one. There is actual leg room. And the flight attendants treat you with more respect. If not comfortable, it is certainly less uncomfortable.

The other is to leave the car at home. Take an Uber ride instead of facing the nightmare of airport traffic at the beginning and end of the trip. Our driver was polite but not talkative (the perfect combination), the car was showroom-floor clean, and the trip was straightforward. Since the price is calculated ahead of time, the driver is not incentivized to take the long way around to rack up the miles and cost.

Still, air travel is air travel. And with our layover in Atlanta, roughly three hours of actual in-air time equated to 11 hours of travel hell, pushed this way and that like cattle in the chute, dumb beasts at the mercy of malevolent forces.

And, God, the masks.

Since we were flying on Sept. 11, the 20th anniversary of our national humiliation, we'd thought the trip would be permeated with gloomy chatter about terrorism and the haunting possibility we were flying on the wrong day.

But, no.

Sure, there were the suits on cable, mumbling on TV sets in the cavernous air terminals about the wonderful unity of the country back then and how terrible it was that we lost it, before they went into the latest diatribe illustrating how they have helped orchestrate that disunity.

But otherwise, it was Covid, Covid, Covid, all the time, especially on the plane. The flight attendants let us know how very serious the airline was about the whole thing. Mouth and nose covered all times, and even if you're eating or drinking, masks back up between bites and sips. And if you don't comply, there can be civil and criminal penalties, and, oh, yes, we will kick you off the plane.

I thought one of them might be grinning when he said it, but who could tell, really?

I came to see the trip as a metaphor for where we've come as a country, huddled together but kept apart, anonymous behind our masks, wondering if we can ever touch down and resume our normal lives.

So, I will enjoy my time here even more than usual, trying not to think about the not-quite awful trip to come. If I let myself dwell on that, I might be tempted to have my lunch in the shade of the live oak tree then wander off to nap in the underbrush.

Maskless, thank you very much. It's a precaution, not a religion, OK?

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
Sheriff's Sale File Number: 85-21-0018-SS  
Date & Time of Sale: Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.  
Sale Location: Wabash County Sheriff's Department basement, Miami St. entrance, 79 W. Main Street, Wabash, IN  
Judgment to be Satisfied: \$136,513.24

Cause Number: 85C01-1803-MF-000155  
Plaintiff: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association  
Defendant: Jimmy Honeycutt, Melinda Honeycutt and Midland Funding LLC as Successor in Interest to Synchrony Bank as Issuer of Phillips 66 Credit Card

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Wabash Circuit Court of Wabash County, Indiana, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, at the hour of 10:00 AM of said day as listed above, at 79 West Main Street, Wabash, IN 46992, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Wabash County, Indiana:

Part of Reserve Number Nineteen (19), Township Twenty-seven (27) North, Range Six (6) East, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of said Reserve Number Nineteen (19); thence South No. (0) degrees Fifty-eight (58) minutes Thirty (30) seconds East, along the east line of said Reserve, a distance of One Thousand One Hundred Forty-three and Thirty hundredths (1114.30) feet to a railroad spike situated on the centerline of the Dora Road; thence South Eighty-eight (88) degrees one (1) minute one (1) second West, along the centerline of Dora Road, a distance of seven Hundred Ninety-three and Sixty-one hundredths (793.61) feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, marked by a P.K. nail; thence South Two (2) degrees Forty-nine (49) minutes Fifty-three (53) seconds East, along the west line of a tract of land owned by Ernest Hall as recorded in Deed Record #178, page 292 in the Office of the Recorder of Wabash County, Indiana, a distance of Two Hundred Seventy-three and Forty-six hundredths (273.46) feet to an iron rebar; thence North Sixty-seven (67) degrees Twenty-five (25) minutes Twenty (20) seconds West, a distance of Three Hundred Twenty-one and Twenty-eight hundredths (321.28) feet to an iron rebar; thence North Two (2) degrees Forty-five (45) minutes Thirty-five (35) seconds East, a distance of One Hundred Forty and Thirty-seven hundredths (140.37) feet to a P.K. nail; thence North Eighty-eight (88) degrees One (1) minute One (1) second East, along the centerline of Dora Road, a distance of Two Hundred Seventy-six and Fifty-six hundredths (276.56) feet to the point of beginning. Containing One and Thirty-six (1.36) acres, more or less.

Commonly Known as: 677 W 250 S, WABASH, IN 46992-9106

Parcel No. 85-14-59-100-042.000-007

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. This Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of the above-described real estate upon the owners, pursuant to requirements of IC 32-29-7-3.

Ryan Baker, Sheriff of Wabash County  
By: Connie Rich, Administrative Assistant  
Phone: (260) 563-8891

Township of property location: Noble  
Common street address of property: 677 W 250 S, Wabash, IN 46992-9106  
Property Tax ID: 85-14-59-100-042.000-007

Attorney: BARRY T. BARNES  
Attorney Number: 19657-49  
Law Firm: Feiwell & Hannoy, P.C.  
Contact Number: (317) 237-2727  
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STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF WABASH SS:  
IN THE WABASH COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
CAUSE NO.: 85D01-2106-MF-000411  
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE OF AMERICAN HOMEOWNER PRESERVATION TRUST SERIES 2015A Plaintiff, vs. ESTATE OF DELORES A. HARRIS AKA DELORES HARRIS, ESTATE OF JACK R. HARRIS AKA JACK HARRIS, THE HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES AND CREDITORS, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, OF THE ESTATE OF DELORES A. HARRIS AKA DELORES HARRIS, THE HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES AND CREDITORS, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, OF THE ESTATE OF JACK R. HARRIS AKA JACK HARRIS, CECIL W. HARRIS, AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF DELORES A. HARRIS AKA DELORES HARRIS, JACK C. HARRIS, AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF DELORES A. HARRIS AKA DELORES HARRIS, MALINDA A. MATTERN, AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF DELORES A. HARRIS AKA DELORES HARRIS, ESTATE OF DELORES A. HARRIS AKA DELORES HARRIS, THE HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES AND CREDITORS, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, OF THE ESTATE OF DELORES A. HARRIS AKA DELORES HARRIS, ESTATE OF JACK R. HARRIS AKA JACK HARRIS Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SUIT  
The State of Indiana to the Defendants above-named, and any other person who may be concerned:  
You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: Foreclosure of mortgage and termination of your interest, if any, in the real property located at: 1674 Grand Street, Wabash, IN 46992 and to the following Defendants whose whereabouts are unknown: Estate of Delores A. Harris aka Delores Harris, Estate of Jack R. Harris aka Jack Harris, The Heirs, Devisees, Legatees and Creditors, whether known or unknown, of the Estate of Delores A. Harris aka Delores Harris, The Heirs, Devisees, Legatees and Creditors, whether known or unknown, of the Estate of Jack R. Harris aka Jack Harris, Cecil W. Harris, as heir of The Estate of Delores A. Harris aka Delores Harris, Jack C. Harris, as heir of The Estate of Delores A. Harris aka Delores Harris, Malinda A. Mattern, as heir of The Estate of Delores A. Harris aka Delores Harris, Estate of Delores A. Harris aka Delores Harris, The Heirs, Devisees, Legatees and Creditors, whether known or unknown, of The Estate of Delores A. Harris aka Delores Harris, Estate of Jack R. Harris aka Jack Harris, and all other persons claiming any right, title, or interest in the within described real estate by, through or under them or any other person or entity, the names of all whom are unknown to the Plaintiff In addition to the above named Defendants being served by this summons there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days commencing the day after final publication of this notice, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded. Respectfully submitted, David M. Bengs, #16646-20 Email: dbengs@mlg-defaultlaw.com Jennifer L. Snook, #30140-45 Email: jsnook@mlg-defaultlaw.com Attorney for Plaintiff MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C. 455 West Lincolnway, Ste. B Valparaiso, IN 46385 Telephone: (219) 386-4700 NOTICE: MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C., IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTEST: Clerk, Wabash County Superior Court Note to Publisher: To be published once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks and a copy of said notice with proof of publication shall be sent to attorney of record. Note: Wabash Plain Dealer 123 W Canal St Wabash, IN 46992 HSPAXLP.09/01,09/08,09/15/2021

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**NOTICE OF HEARING  
ON PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES**

Property owners, rate payers and other interested parties in, served by or to be served by the City of Wabash are hereby notified that Ordinance No. 12, establishing rates and charges for services to be rendered by the Sewage Works, will be introduced at a meeting of the Common Council held on September 27, 2021. At a meeting of the Common Council to be held at 6:00 p.m. (Wabash time) on October 12, 2021, at the Wabash City Hall, 202 South Wabash Street, Wabash, Indiana 46992, there will be a public hearing on the matter of the rates and charges, and consideration of adoption of said Ordinance No. 12 which provides in part as follows:

<b>Section 3. Sewer Charges</b>			
<b>301.1 Metered Rates Per Month</b> (Per 1,000 Gallons)	<b>Proposed Rates</b>	<b>Phase I</b> (effective 1/1/22)	<b>Phase II</b> (effective 1/1/23)
First 5,000 gallons		\$9.59	\$10.26
Next 15,000 gallons		9.18	9.82
Next 30,000 gallons		7.37	7.89
Next 100,000 gallons		5.93	6.35
Over 150,000 gallons		3.84	4.11
<b>301.2 Monthly Minimum Charge</b> <b>Gallons</b>			
5/8" meter	3,000	\$28.77	\$30.78
3/4" meter	5,250	50.25	53.76
1" meter	8,250	77.79	83.22
2" meter	19,700	182.90	195.65
3" meter	38,000	318.31	340.62
4" meter	63,400	486.21	520.39
6" meter	172,750	999.75	1,070.30

At such hearing and prior to final adoption of said Ordinance, all interested parties may appear and be heard. A copy of Ordinance No. 12 may be examined at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer. Dated this 8th day of September, 2021.

/s/Wendy Frazier  
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**Wabash County Sheriff's Office and Jail Project: Phase 2 Foundations**

Notice is hereby given that the Wabash County Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as "Owner", are receiving sealed bids for work related to the above-mentioned project. The following information and special notice are presented to prospective bidders.

- A. Project Information
- Project Name:  
Wabash County Sheriff's Office and Jail Project: Phase 2 Foundations
  - Project Owner:  
Wabash County Commissioners  
1 West Hill Street  
Wabash, IN 46992
  - Project Location:  
Wabash County Sheriff's Office and Jail  
1301 Manchester Ave.  
Wabash, IN 46992
  - Project Description:  
The project consists of land improvements for a new 70,000 sq.ft. Sheriff's Office and Jail. The work of this phase includes foundations, slab-on-grade concrete and underslab utilities for the new building. The project is a "fast track" and will include additional bidding phases at a later date.
  - Contract Documents Prepared By:  
RQAW Corporation  
8770 North St., Ste 110  
Fishers, IN 46038  
Phone: 317-588-1798  
Website: <http://www.rqaw.com>  
PYRAMID Consulting  
203 Good Ave.  
Indianapolis, IN 46219  
Phone: 317-396-9426  
Email: [dflick@pyramidarch.com](mailto:dflick@pyramidarch.com)
  - Bidding Format
  - The project will be bid and constructed using multiple trade packages. The following packages are being bid at this time:  
Trade Package 03: Phase 2 Foundations
  - Construction contracts will be directly between the individual trade package contractors and the Owner, and overall construction administration of the project will be the responsibility of PYRAMID.
  - Bidding Documents
  - Bidding documents will be made available after 2:00pm (local time), Wednesday, September 8, 2021
  - Pre-Bid Meeting:
    - There are two (2) scheduled pre-bid meetings:  
Location:  
Job Site Office  
1301 Manchester Ave.  
Wabash, IN 46992  
Pre-bid #1: 10:00am (local time), Monday, September 13, 2021  
Pre-bid #2: 10:00am (local time), Tuesday, September 20, 2021
  - All prime contractors, subcontractors, and other interested parties are invited to attend.
  - Attendance may be in-person or virtually. Contact Pyramid Consulting for meeting login information.
  - Bid Delivery:
    - Bids shall be sent or delivered in person to:  
Wabash County Auditor's Office  
1 West Hill Street  
Wabash, IN 46992
  - Bids will be received at the above address until the following date and time:  
9:00am (local time), Monday, October 4, 2021.
  - This will be considered "bid time" unless subsequently revised by addendum. Bids received after "bid time" will be returned unopened.
  - Bids will be held unopened until the following date and time, at

which point they will be opened and publicly read at the location below:

- 9:30am (local time), Monday, October 4, 2021  
Wabash County Council Chambers  
1 West Hill Street  
Wabash, IN 46992
- Faxed or e-mailed bids will not be accepted.
  - Bidders are required to enclose with each bid the following bid forms (in duplicate):
    - Bid Document 001300 – State Board of Accounts Form 96, including financial statement
    - Bid Document 003000 – Stipulated Bid Form – Base Bid.
    - Bid Security (see below)
  - Each envelope that bids are included in is required to have a label on the outside indicating project name as well as the contractor's name and address.
  - Miscellaneous Provisions
    - Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable bidder's bond made payable to the Owner, in a sum of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the highest aggregate proposal, which check or bond will be held by the Owner as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded the contract, enter into the same with the Owner upon notification from him to do so within ten (10) days of said notification. Should a successful bidder withdraw his bid, or fail to execute a satisfactory Contract, the Owner may then declare the bid deposit of bond or check forfeited as liquidated damages but not as a penalty.
    - For contracts over \$200,000, approved performance and payment bonds guaranteeing faithful and proper performance of the work and materials, to be executed by an acceptable surety company, will be required of the Contractor at the time he executes his contract. The bond will be in the amount of 100% of the Contract Price and must be in full force and effect throughout the term of the Construction Contract plus a period of twelve (12) months from the date of substantial completion.
    - The Owner reserves the right to reject any proposal, or all proposals, or to accept any proposal or proposals, or to make such combination of proposals as may seem desirable, and to waive any and all informalities in bidding. Any proposal may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of proposals or authorized postponement thereof. Any proposal received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any bid or waive any informality or errors in bidding for a period of 90 days after bid date.
    - A conditional or qualified Bid will not be accepted. Award will be made to the low, responsive, responsible bidder.
    - All applicable laws, ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the project shall apply to the project throughout.
    - Proposals shall be properly and completely executed on proposal forms included in the Project Manual. Proposals shall include all information requested by State Board of Accounts Form 96 (Revised 2013) included within the Project Manual. Under Section III of Form 96, the Bidder shall submit a financial statement. The Owner may make such investigations as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder to perform the work and the Bidder shall furnish to the Owner all such information and data for this purpose as the Owner may request. The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement and to complete the work contemplated therein.
    - Each Bidder is responsible for inspecting the Project site(s) and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the Contract Documents and Specifications. The failure or omission of any Bidder to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation with respect to its Bid.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR  
M.S.D. OF WABASH COUNTY  
WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of School Trustees of the M.S.D. of Wabash County (the "Owner") will receive sealed bids for the Metro North Elementary School Restroom Renovation. Bids will be accepted at the M.S.D. of Wabash County Administration Office, 204 North 300 West, Wabash, Indiana, until 2:00 p.m. (local time), on October 28, 2021. Bids will be opened and tabulated at that time in the Board Room. A Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Metro North Elementary School. All bidding and construction shall be in accordance with construction documents prepared by Barton-Coe-Vilamaa, Architect and Engineers, Inc., which can be obtained from the office of Barton-Coe-Vilamaa. Call 260/489-9079 (office of Barton-Coe-Vilamaa) to request an invitation to receive digital access to the bidding documents. Bidders will be required to file, with their bids, a certified check made payable to the M.S.D. of Wabash County or a Bid Bond for an amount not less than five percent (5%) of their maximum bid or bids. Should a successful bidder withdraw its bid, or fail to execute a satisfactory Contract, M.S.D. of Wabash County may then declare the bid deposit or bid bond to be forfeited as liquidated damages. Each successful bidder shall be required to furnish an approved Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond which cover faithful performance of the contract and the payment of all obligations arising thereunder. A Maintenance Bond shall also be required. Said bonds shall remain in full force and effect for twelve months from the substantial completion of the Work. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder complying with the conditions for bidding, provided the bid is reasonable and it is to the best interest of the Owner to accept it. The Owner reserves the right to reject the bid of any or all bidder in accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-12. Bids not reaching said office by 2:00 p.m., on October 28, 2021 will not be opened and will be returned unopened to the original bidder. Dated this 13th day of September 2021  
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